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SUBJECT: MINISTER OF MINES VERSION OF CONVERSATION WITH
DEPUTY SECRETARY LUERS LEAKED TO PRESS

1. CARACAS NEWSPAPER EL NACIONAL CARRIED FRONT PAGE BOX APRIL 11 ENTITLED "VENEZUELA ASKED WASHINGTON NOT TO INCLUDE OPEC AND PETROLEUM PRICES IN THE AGENDA FOR KISSINGER VISIT." ARTICLE STATES THAT MINISTER OF MINES VALENTIN HERNANDEZ TOOK OPPORTUNITY OF VISIT OF WASHINGTON "FUNCTIONARIES" TO INDICATE THE NECESSITY THAT WASHINGTON AUTHORITIES TOP THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST OPEC MEMBER COUNTRIES. ACCORDING TO ARTICLE, IT WAS THE INCLINATION OF THE WASHINGTON VISITORS TO INCLUDE PETROLEUM PRICES AND OPEC POLICY IN SECRETARY KISSINGER'S AGENDA. HOWEVER, THE MINISTER WAS REPORTED AS BEING VERY PRECISE AND CATEGORICAL IN STATING THAT VENEZUELA WOULD NOT ACCEPT THESE QUESTIONS IN ANY POSSIBLE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE SECRETARY. FURTHER, THE MINISTER REPORTEDLY SUGGESTED "IN A CORDIAL BUT PRECISE AND DIRECT MANNER" THAT WASHINGTON ABANDON ITS ACTIONS INTENDED TO WEAKEN OPEC OR REDUCE OIL PRICES. SUCH ACTIONS BY WASHINGTON WILL NOT SUCCEED, THE MINISTER ADDED. THE ARTICLE ADDS THAT THE MINISTER CONSIDERS
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THE ABOVE ADVICE TO BE THE MOST IMPORTANT THAT HE HAS GIVEN TO

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WASHINGTON IN THE RECENT PERIOD OF TIME. ARTICLE CONCLUDES WITH STATEMENTS THAT THE WASHINGTON VISITORS WERE RECEPTIVE TO AND ACCEPTED THE VENEZUELAN POSITION, AND THAT OPEC AND PETROLEUM PRICES WILL NOT BE INCLUDED IN SECRETARY KISSINGER'S AGENDA, IF HIS VISIT TAKES PLACE BUT VENEZUELAN SPHERES CONSIDER THAT KISSINGER VISIT WILL NOT TAKE PLACE.

2. COMMENT: MINISTER VALENTIN HERNANDEZ DID SAY DURING DISCUSSION WITH DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY LUERS THAT USG SHOULD APPRECIATE THAT VENEZUELA CANNOT AFFORD TO BE ISOLATED FROM ITS OPEC PARTNERS, AND THAT USG SHOULD NOT BE ATTEMPTING TO IMPLEMENT SUCH A STRATEGY. HOWEVER, HE DID NOT SAY THAT OPEC AND OIL PRICES COULD NOT BE INCLUDEDON AGENDA OF SECRETARY KISSINGER'S VISIT. RATHER, MINISTER STATED HE LOOKED FORWARD TO VISIT OF SECRETARY, AS HE WAS SURE PRESIDENT PEREZ DID. HE FELT SECRETARY'S VISIT WILL BE IMPORTANT FOR IMPROVING UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN U.S. AND VENEZUELA.
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